

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets include changes to Figs. 1 and 2. These sheets replace the previously submitted sheets including Figs. 1 and 2. The changes add legends (abbreviations) to the various functional blocks in accordance with the written description.

Attachment: Two (2) Replacement Sheets including FIGs. 1 and 2

REMARKS

Applicants have considered the Office Action dated August 21, 2008, and the references cited therein. Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 13-18 are presently pending. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 13-15 and 18 stand allowed. Claims 8, 16 and 17 currently stand rejected as anticipated by Slavenburg U.S. Pat. No. 6,122,722 and Mehra U.S. Pat. No. 5,974,537.

Applicants have amended the claims so that the recited elements of method claim 8 incorporate/correspond to the elements recited in "allowed" claim 1. The amendment to claim 8 is supported by, for example, the disclosure at paragraph [0030] of Applicants' published application (2006/0168424).

As Applicants noted in their previous response, the dedicated register is "dedicated solely" in the sense that the dedicated issue slot has only this register to which to write, and therefore address bits are not needed (in the instruction to the dedicated issue slot) to designate the dedicated register file in a write operation performed by the dedicated issue slot. On the other hand the dedicated register is not "dedicated" in that other issue slots are allowed to use the register file for writing data.

Applicants' amendments are with traverse, and Applicants reserve the right to present the previously rejected claims in a continuation application.

The Office Action, at section 2, objects to the drawings because several reference signs mentioned in the description (i.e., IMU, UC(0, ..., 4), RF(0, 1, 2), CN, SQ, FU(20, 21, 22), DEC, TSC, IRN, RN) are not identified in the drawings. Applicants have revised the drawings to include the missing legends identified in the written description. The Examiner is requested to approve the accompanying replacement drawings.

Applicants request favorable reconsideration of the Office Action's grounds for rejecting the previously pending claims in view of Applicants' amendments to the previously pending claims and the Remarks provided herein. Please charge any fee deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 12-1216.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the patent application is in condition for allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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